

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
Washington, DC, May 16, 2005.

Hon. PETER HOEKSTRA,
Chairman, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Thank you for your recent letter expressing the Intelligence Committee's jurisdictional interest in H.R. 1817, the "The Department of Homeland Security Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2006." I appreciate your willingness to waive further consideration of the bill in order to expedite this legislation for floor consideration: I agree that by waiving further consideration, the Intelligence Committee does not waive any jurisdiction it may have over provisions of the bill, including those relating to intelligence activities of the Department of Homeland Security authorized within the National Intelligence Program.

As you have requested, I will include a copy of your letter and this response as part of the Congressional Record during consideration of the legislation on the House floor. Thank you for your cooperation as we work towards the enactment of H.R. 1817.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER COX,
Chairman

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a family medical emergency.

Mr. LATOURETTE (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today and the balance of the week on account of a family emergency.

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin (at the request of Mr. DELAY) for today until 4:30 p.m. on account of traveling with the President.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SCHIFF) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. EMANUEL, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ETHERIDGE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCINTYRE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. WATT, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. BUTTERFIELD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DUNCAN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, May 26.

Mr. WELDON of Florida, for 5 minutes, May 23.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, May 26.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GINGREY, for 5 minutes, today.
Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 8 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 23, 2005, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2017. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting a report entitled "Major Savings and Reforms in the President's 2006 Budget"; to the Committee on Appropriations.

2018. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Richard V. Reynolds, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2019. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Brian A. Arnold, United States Air Force, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2020. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of the enclosed list of officers to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2021. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of the enclosed list of officers to wear the insignia of the next higher grade in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2022. A letter from the Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting notification of the Army's determination that reportable increases have occurred in the Program Acquisition Unit Cost (PAUC) for the Chemical Demilitarization (CHEM DEMIL) Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2023. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the proposed test and evaluation (T&E) budgets that are not certified by the Director of the Defense Test Resource Management Center (TRMC) to be adequate for FY 2006, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 196 Public Law 107-314, section 232; to the Committee on Armed Services.

2024. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a report describing the Department's corrosion prevention control and mitigation efforts and planned improvements, as requested by the House of Representatives Report of the Committee on Appropriations on the Department of Defense Appropriations Bill for FY 2005, Pub. L. 108-553 (H.R. 4613); to the Committee on Armed Services.

2025. A letter from the Chair, Foreign Exchange Committee, transmitting the Committee's 2004 Annual Report; to the Committee on Financial Services.

2026. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Education, transmitting the full-color version of the Department's Fiscal Year 2004 Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

2027. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled "Performance Improvement 2005: Evaluation Activities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services," pursuant to Section 241(b) of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended by the Preventive Health Amendments of 1993, summarizing the findings of the evaluations of PHS programs authorized under Section 241(a); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2028. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Pakistan for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 05-18), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

2029. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Pakistan for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 05-19), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

2030. A letter from the Secretary, Department of State, transmitting a copy of the Department's "Country Reports on Terrorism: 2004," pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2656f; to the Committee on International Relations.

2031. A letter from the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs, Agency for International Development, transmitting a report on economic conditions in Egypt 2004, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2346 note; to the Committee on International Relations.

2032. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Sudan that was declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003; to the Committee on International Relations.

2033. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of the Department's intent to obligate Non-proliferation and Disarmament Fund (NDF) assistance for additional projects, pursuant to Public Law 108-447, section 515; to the Committee on International Relations.

2034. A letter from the Chairman, Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, transmitting pursuant to the Accountability of Tax Dollars Act, the Foundation's Form and Content Reports for the second quarter of FY 2005 as prepared by the U.S. General Services Administration; to the Committee on Government Reform.